(c) Proceedings under section 144 and 145, Cr.P.C.;

(d) Invoking the provisions of Section 482, Cr.P.C.;

(e) Orders disposing of matters summarily.

(ii) Applications for substitution where abetment is involved.

(iii) Application for fixation of time in paying court fees.

(iv) Applications for exemption from paying court fees.

(v) Application for extension of time for furnishing bank Guarantee, securities, etc

(vi) Application for transfer.

(G) All administrative work by the Judges of High Courts should be done outside court hours.

(H) Judgment should be short, lucid and confined to the points arising in the case.

(I) First Appeals, Second Appeals, Civil Revisions and Writ Petitions be heard by Single Judge at the time of final hearing. Only Criminal Appeals involving sentence of death or life imprisonment be heard by a Division Bench of 2 Judges.

(J) Cases for hearing be assigned to Judges with experience in particular branch of law

(K) Only operative part of the Judgment be pronounced in court.

(L) Lengthy judgments should not be dictated in court.

(M) Rules and Orders of the High Courts should provide the time schedule within which process fee, replies, etc., are to be filed.

(N) Commissioners duly empowered for recording evidence be attached to the High Courts.

(O) Computers, dicta-phones, electronic type-writers calculator, xerox-copying machines be introduced in High Courts for speeding up work in courts.

6. The High Courts are taking the following steps to expedite disposal of cases:

(a) Cases involving common questions are being grouped together;

(b) Matters are fixed for hearing by giving short returnable dates;

(c) Printing of records is dispensed with, in many cases; and

(d) Priority is given to cases requiring quick disposal.

7. The sanctioned strength of the High Court Judges has been increased from 351 in March 1977 to 444 as on 1-11-1988.

Unprecedented floods in the Northern States

450. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Northern States—Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh were affected by unprecedented floods recently;

(b) whether Government have studied the causes leading to these floods; and

(c) if so, what are the long-term steps Government propose to take to prevent the recurrence of floods in future in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To manage floods of such an unprecedented nature, the cost-effective measures include timely flood warnings and proper regulation of flood plains in addition to structural measures.